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amendments attached. (AM0117, Legislative Journal page 389.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Mines to open on LB 365.

SENATOR MINES: Madam President, members, I introduce LB 365, which would allow Nebraska cities of the second class and villages to adopt a single ordinance to revise municipal ordinances in order to reflect changes that are made by this Legislature. The ordinances of many cities and villages contain text that mirrors the language of state statutes. When the Legislature amends, repeals, or enacts laws, municipalities obviously have to revise their ordinances accordingly. Under the current law, cities of the second class and villages are authorized to adopt just one ordinance to revise all the ordinances of the city or the village. This is the procedure used to adopt a new code book, as an example. However, if the city or village wishes to make annual revisions of only those ordinances or code book sections affected by the legislative changes, there doesn't appear to be a statutory authorization to do that with just one ordinance, so LB 365 would authorize the city council or village board to adopt statutory changes and bring the municipality's ordinance or code book into conformance with state law by means of a single ordinance. The title of the ordinance would only need to be stated, that the ordinance revises those ordinances or code sections affected, or enacts ordinances or code sections generated by the legislative changes. It was intended that this bill also apply to the 31 cities of the first class, as well as cities of the second class and villages, and I believe there will be an amendment to that...to accomplish that. With that, I would encourage the adoption of LB 365.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. You've heard the opening on LB 365. Is there...are there committee amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Urban Affairs offers committee amendments, Madam President, AM0117.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Hartnett, recognized to open on the